



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Kūpuna Power Day

WHEREAS, Kūpuna Power Day emphasizes that the great achievements of older people throughout history deserve recognition with a special day to honor their achievements, a commemoration never more appropriate than the present, with the historic number of *kūpuna* in our state; and

WHEREAS, Kūpuna Power Day highlights that with improved health care and more years of productivity, *kūpuna* are reinforcing their historical roles as leaders, while acting as links to our patrimony and sense of purpose as family members and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Kūpuna Power Day underlines that the many *kūpuna* now embarking on second careers endow Hawai'i's *keiki* with fine examples of responsibility, resourcefulness, competence and determination, while the increase of the elderly population by 21.5 percent since the 2000 census means many of Hawai'i's *kūpuna* are serving as volunteers, making their presence felt for the good of themselves and their communities while benefiting many sectors of society; and

WHEREAS, Kūpuna Power Day recognizes the importance of having a central place where *kūpuna* can turn for information on long-term care services, financial services, protection from identity theft and scams, as well as information on services and benefits available to them and their families; and

WHEREAS, Kūpuna Power Day celebrates all that Hawai'i's *kūpuna* have achieved throughout their lives – and all they continue to accomplish – and obliges our communities to create livable places in which people can mature and grow older while participating to the fullest and find the encouragement, acceptance, assistance and services necessary to continue to lead lives with dignity and independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2014, as

“KŪPUNA POWER DAY”

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in encouraging our *kūpuna* to stay healthy and active, and in recognizing the efforts of Hawai'i Senator Brickwood Galuteria and the organizers of the 2nd Kūpuna Power Day for empowering our *kūpuna*.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of April 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i